



Submitted photo
ROWAN ANNE MCKENNA, who is 6-and-three-quarters, scales the climbing wall at Hood River Middle School, site — and beneficiary — of the May 26 Climbing Wall Rodeo.

May 26 Climbing Wall Rodeo welcomes beginners and experienced climbers

Gorge Grippers Climbing Team presents Climbing Wall Rodeo May 26 at the Hood River Middle School gym, located at 1602 May Street.

The rodeo is for beginners and experienced climbers alike. Children ages 6-8 will climb from 4-6 p.m., and those 9-11 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$10 per climber.

Prizes will be awarded; the event is a fundraiser for the Hood River Middle School climbing wall.

Register at the event or by visiting www.hrcommunityed.org, or call Community Ed at 541-386-2055.

"This a fundraiser for the climbing

wall and a way to get more people in the community familiar with it," said Keenan Collins, an HRVHS student who is organizing it. Collins said there will be two groups, beginner and experienced climber, and eight challenges: four on the wall and four on the ground. The wall challenges are different for the beginners and experienced.

"On the climbing wall, kids will see how many times they can climb up and be lowered down in 5 minutes, then perform challenges like climbing up using only three points of contact all the way up, follow certain routes

up. Experienced kids even climb blindfolded," Collins said.

The ground challenges are the same for all kids and include giant hula hoop rotations, jumping with climbing rope, crab walk challenge, and fun activities designed to have kids use their athletic skills in different ways.

"There will be a winner and runner up in each age category and each participant has the chance to win prizes at raffle. So far there are about 30 prizes," Collins said. Since it is climbing, parents do have to resister kids themselves either at Community Ed or at the event.

Write on: schools offer contest

The Hood River Public Schools writing competition is on.

You have until June 5 to submit your work of fiction, non-fiction, how-to, poetry, graphic novel, or other types.

It could even be a pop-up. It could be written either for-

ward or backwards.

Talk to your school librarian for full details; the most important thing is that it be original work done by you. First place prize for K-5 is \$50, for 6-8 it's \$75 and for 9-12 it's \$100. Second and third-place cash prizes will also be awarded.

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Try these two track events



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WESTSIDE'S SAM KNOLL got warmed up at Thursday's Wildcast Chase, a fundraiser for school programs.

Don't run and hide. Just run!

If you want to learn or compete in track, two events happen in June to help you do it.

The first is the June 13 Track Town League all-comer meet — meaning anyone can compete — for ages 8-14, at Hood River Valley High School. No experience necessary.

Events are the 100, 400 and 1,500-meter, long jump, and "turbojav."

Qualify for the state championship June 27, against kids from throughout Oregon on June 27. Sign

up by emailing assistant track coach Brandon Bertram at brandon.bertram@hood-river.

Or, go to tracktownyouthleague.com. The second is the June 17-19 elementary fun and run camp, 8-10 a.m. Cost \$25 including camp t-shirt. Hood River Middle School is the site, and is open to all students grades 1-5.

Register on line at Hood River Community Education, www.hrcommunityed.org or in person at the Community Ed office, 1009 Eugene St.

HAPPENINGS

FOR CHILDREN

■ **May 23 — Camp Jonah Family Fun Day fundraiser**, 8-6 p.m. at Jonah Ministries, 31 Little Mountain Rd., Trout Lake. Fun races, silent auction, zipline, family field games, bonfire and s'mores, climbing wall, inflatables, face painting, disc golf. Open house from 1-3 p.m.; breakfast 9-

10, lunch 12-1, dinner 5-6 provided \$5 per person per meal. 15k, 10k start at 8; \$10 each. All other activities free. www.campjonah.com.

■ **May 24, 31 — Pokemon Club**, 1:30-3 p.m. at Hood River Hobbies, 110 Fourth St. Supervision provided for 8 and up. Bring or purchase deck and cards to

trade. More info at info@hoodriverhobbies.com.

■ **June 13 — RC Car Class**, 9-10 a.m. at May Street Elementary covered play area. Students must be old enough to operate their vehicle safely and stay out of driving area while cars are moving for safety reasons, or must be supervised by a parent. \$10 for 3

classes. Sign up through Community Ed. More at info@hoodriverhobbies.com.

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